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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 13 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2 and 5 as follows:

- D3
- 2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the mMuSK-R is a mutated form of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- DY
- 5. (Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the mMuSK-R comprises SEQ ID NO:2 wherein amino acids 538-869 or 577-869 are deleted.

Please add new claims 25 and 26 as follows:

- 25. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the mMuSK-R is a polypeptide having at least 300 amino acid residues deleted from the cytoplasmic domain of the MuSK-R set forth as SEQ ID NO:2.
- 26. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein the mMuSK-R is a polypeptide having at least amino acid residues 577-869 deleted from the MuSK-R set forth as SEQ ID NO:2.

